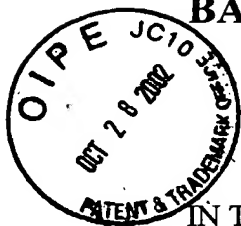


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 23, 2002, Applicants request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks.

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to file this response, extending the due date for response to October 23, 2002. The period for response was set to expire on July 23, 2002. Our check number 319047 in the amount of \$920.00 for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) accompanies this response. Applicants believe that no other fees are required with this response. If additional fees are required, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to the account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 834460-68474.

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